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VOTE FOR THURMAN

Scoop Thurman, our legislator of these Sierra foothills, earned his promotion to the state senate during his nine years' service in the assembly, the traditional proving ground where senators gain their right to a seat in the higher house.

In a political campaign, it is usually possible to line up candidates, in order of weakness, by the amount of mud they throw. The strong candidates point to their record. That is what Thurman has done.

The weak candidate will seek to divert attention from the frailty of his claim for office by a frantic display of mud-throwing energy. Or, in some instances, weak candidates will resort to untruth, in which case they are out on a limb and have to climb back in a humiliating hurry.

This happened in the case of the $30,000 for an Assemblyman" blurb, which the Nugget was fortunate in being able to explode.

When the mud-throwing is ineffective, as it must be against a man of proven character, like Thurman, the opposition may resort to playing the tune of petty county jealousy. They have even gone so far as to portray the voters of Nevada County as slaves "enshackled" by the legislator from Colfax, three miles outside the boundary of Nevada County.

The tune of petty jealousy sounds poorly to ears listening for facts to guide them as to who is the best man. That is why Assemblyman Scoop Thurman has gained in stature as the campaign progressed.

And that is why the great majority of Nevada County voters will turn out today, to vote for Assemblyman Scoop Thurman.

We beseech you, in your own interest, to vote today, and to vote for the man who will insure you good government of the high calibre he has provided in nine years of earnest, efficient service.—H. M. L., Jr.

Election Today Will Name New Senator

Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson

Alice Monahan Williams

William W. Esterly

Allen G. (Scoop) Thurman

NEVADA CITY: The polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. today as the citizens of three counties, Nevada, Sierra and Placer make their choice for state senator to fill the seventh senatorial district seat vacated by the resignation of Jerrold Seawell. to assume his present office as a member of the State Board of Equalization.

In Nevada county, votes will be tabulated in approximately 43 precincts. Total of voters eligible to cast their ballot in this election in the three counties approximates 22,500. Estimates of the vote which will actually be cast vary from 7,000 to 9,000.

A heavier vote is expected in Placer county than in Nevada and Sierra counties, since Placer has on its ballot a bond issue for a soil conservation district, as well as the senatorial election.

Four of the five candidates are pictured above. (Ed. Note: Unfortunately no picture was available of Elton O. (Spec) Carvin, popular and able chairman of the Sierra county board of supervisors.)

First candidate to announce that he was running, was William W. Esterly, Grass Valley real estate man. His campaign was conducted primarily on the appeal to Nevada county voters to put one of their own citizens in the senate.

Assemblyman Allen G. (Scoop) Thurman has been in the legislature for 9 years. He is the publisher of the Colfax Record and the Placer Herald, weekly newspapers in Colfax and Auburn. Thurman's campaign has been based upon his legislative record while a member of the lower house. Basic elements of his work have been for the advancement of highways, agriculture, mining and veterans affairs in the 10-county district he has represented, and it is these factors to which Thurman's campaign has directed attention.

Mayor Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson of Roseville has waged his bid for a senate seat, principally on the basis of his successful installation of public ownership of utilities in Roseville.

Elton O. (Spec) Carvin, for many years a member and chairman of the Sierra county board of supervisors, has pointed with pride during the campaign to his work in bringing better highways to Sierra county.

Mrs. Alice Monahan Williams of Loomis has emphasized, in her campaign, the importance of having a woman representative in the senate, at present an entirely masculine group.

The political battle has been a lively one, with various newspapers beating the drums for their candidate. As far as is known, the Auburn Journal, Downieville Mountain Messenger, and Roseville Press-Tribune took no active part in the election. However, the Nevada-City Grass Valley Nugget, the Sierra Sun, the Colfax Record and the Auburn Placer Herald worked vigorously for Thurman. The Grass Valley Union very early in the campaign sponsored Esterly and continued with consistent support.

DEER SEASON WILL END THIS WEDNESDAY

SACRAMENTO: Deer season ends in all of Calfiornia next Wednesday, October 15, at sundown.

According to incomplete returns, it promises to have resulted in the heaviest kill ever recorded in the state. A heavier concentration on the mule deer herds of the Sierra-Nevada range was noted by Division of Fish and Game statisticians. The coast range deer, smaller but with a two-buck bag limit was slightly above normal in the take. But the one-buck mule deer districts are giving up the greatest toll in history.

Deer kill, in the late season, from September 16 to and including October 2, totaled 13,627. Fresno county leads with 1605, and the next four counties are Siskiyou, 1,285; Lassen, 1,235; Modoc, 1,169; and Sierra, 847. Imperial county, so far, has only reported six killed, while Sacramento county had only seven tags returned.

Experience has proved that about 30 per cent of the total kill is made during the first week of each open season, with hunting effort spread over the balance of the season to account for the remaining total score.

TRAILER UPSET IN HILLS FLAT

GRASS VALLEY: A truck and trailer loaded with finished lumber got out of control on the way into Grass Valley last night and at 6:45 p. m. the trailer turned over in front of Dave's Inn. The trailer sideswiped two parked automobiles. Much of the lumber was thrown through the window of Dave's Inn just across the road from Helbach Motors.

Only minor injuries were reported. One woman suffered scalp wounds from flying glass. Ray Baxter, Los Angeles, was driving the truck and semi-trailer, which belonged to H. S. Quirin, also of Los Angeles.

A black Chrysler sedan parked in front of Dave's Inn was seriously damaged. The lumber lay strewn over the highway at the scene of the accident.

Cause of the accident was failure of the air brakes of the trailer as the truck came down the grade into Hills Flat. The driver blinked his lights as warning, and several cars got out of his way before he reached the curve. It was in avoiding a collision with another car on the road, turning too short for the speed of the vehicles, that the crash occurred.

The truck continued to the California Inn, before it was able to stop.

'FUN HORSEBACK' SHOW A SUCCESS

GRASS VALLEY: The Gold Trail Riders "Fun on Horseback" show Sunday was a big success. The program was as follows:

Grand entry at 2:30 p. m., judging for best groomed horse, youngest rider, and colt in hand. Then followed various horseback games, including: Musical chairs, a balloon contest, old clothes race, junior horsemanship event, amateur roping, egg-frying race, stock horse event, run, ride and lead, rescue race, experienced roping, stock horse race, and resaddle race.

KNOWLAND TO BE GUEST OF HISTORIANS

GRASS VALLEY: Doris Foley, president of the Nevada County Historical Society, has announced that the first fall meeting of the organization will be held Saturday evening, October 18th, at Indian Mountain ranch.

"Cornish Night" is to be the theme. Ernest Hocking of Grass Valley is general chairman for the program, which will consist of music Cornish stories, and historical information about the Cornish miner.

Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, will be an honored guest.

FUNERAL MONDAY AFTERNOON FOR CYRUS ROLLINS

NEVADA CITY: Funeral services for Cyrus Rollins of this city were held yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m. at Holmes Funeral Home, under the direction of officers of Banner Mountain Post No. 2655, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Following the service, the body was taken to Santa Rosa, for interment in the family plot.

Rollins, a timber faller, was injured when a log rolled on him about a year ago resulting in a serious head injury. He had been in poor health since, and during part of the time was a patient in a local hospital. He died at 3:30 a. m. Saturday.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ora V. Rollins, three sons, Acea D. Rollins, Donald Justin Rollins, and Cyrus Martin Rollins, and two daughters, Leora Ellen Rollins, and May Louise Rollins.

They are all of Nevada City. Rollins was a World War I veteran. In addition to lumbering, he had worked as a relief police officer for the local force. Before living in Nevada City, he and his family resided for several years in Camptonville.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars officers were headed by Past Commander Fred Charles Garrison, acting as commander; Commander William Earl Mullis, acting as vice-commander; Chaplain William W. Esterly; Officer of the Day Olaf Bjornstal; color bearers, Al Wharff and Gordon Tryon, and Joseph W. Day and Max Weiss.

Rev. Paul Lewis and Rev. Horne of the Nazarene church conducted the service of that faith. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Horne sang hymns.

BEAUTIFUL WORD-PICTURE PAINTED OF DREAMED-OF NATIONAL PARK

By VAL D. BAIMA

The story of the National Gold Park for Banner Mountain has just been told. Our hope is that by the centennial year of 1949, the year which came to be known as the California Gold Rush; this proposed scenic and historic park will be a living reality. The story of all national parks and monuments is a long and grueling one. That one we know will prove to be the same. Only in faith in the people who are and will support this colossal project will ever work day and night and success crowns our efforts.

The Banner Mt. National Gold Park sets out to do these things in bisef:

To create for the people of this part of northern California a national park. It will be the means of preserving all of the finest history of the entire California Gold Rush days. At present there is no such place to safeguard the best of that great American gold drama. By the park's creation, in itself we will have built a lasting monument to the pioneers—most of all the thousands of miners who have enriched our nation with the gold their hands have produced. It will also the area in the park will protect and preserve for future generation, trees, plants, wild-life and the natural beauties of the mountain area.

A deep and new interest in gold mining and the historical interest will be developed by such a great park.

Every man, woman and child in the area of northern California, as well as citizens of other states will have a new recreational area and not be compelled to go to Tahoe or wait until yearly state fairs to view nuggets and quartz specimens.

This new Gold Park will be a several million dollar project. Many men will find employment for several years. It will bless our towns as nothing has done before. A beautiful spirit of unity and harmony will be brought into life by the project. Because it will not be for one town, or two towns, but for all the towns connected with gold in northern California. This cooperation will be needed for the best of success. The park will certainly be national in character, as this is what the California gold rush was. Nothing else would or could do justice to that event.

The main attraction will be a stone tower of true beauty on top of Banner Mt. peak. This will be the observation tower. Will be seen for miles and miles. We will need a good water system to bring water all over the park area. This will be an electric pump plant with reservoirs. And last we will have a new net work of scenic road ways. The greatest thing in the park will be the rugged jewel called the museum. This will be built also of native stone, cement and steel. A really beautiful temple, fire-proof and capable of guarding the treasures for ages. Gold nuggets, high grade quartz, relics, mining exhibits and a dozen other things will be there. It will be the finest museum of its kind in the entire world. No gold collection in the "raw" will equal it.

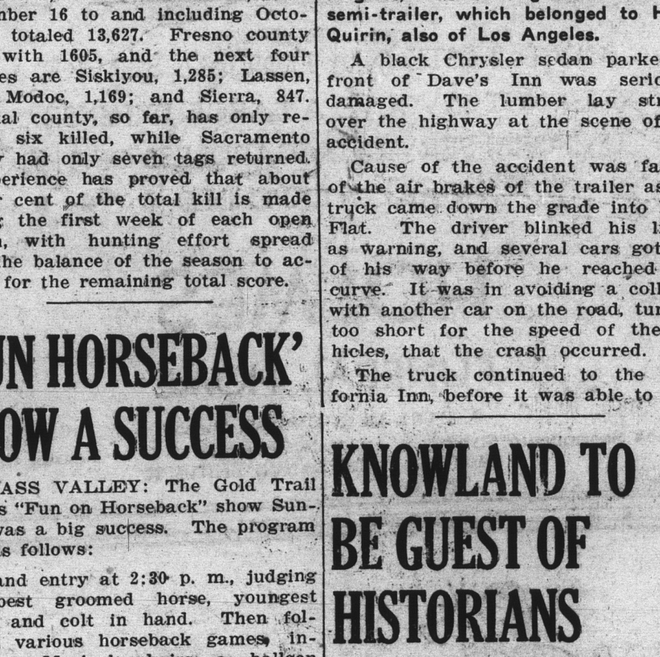
A heroic statue of the gold miner will be also a wonderful attraction there. This will be one of the art gems of the world. We have all the material to build this park. Everything! Many fountains will grace the landscape on one of the knolls of Banner, for this will be the place to build the musuem. Lawn, trees, flowers will be in themselves a wonder to behold. We can even have a large swimming pool. All in all it will be a great project. Time does not permit me to go into details. This is just an outline of the project. Our Gold Rush days Cavalcade can have a natural outdoor theater on Banner. Many places can be found on the lower slopes for such a natural theater. Then our 49er's days will become national and our towns will never, never die. We must do something NOW before too long or else we will yet see gold mining towns turn into ghost towns. This is very serious that we help ourselves NOW while we can. Several million dollars revenue will come to these towns every year.

We want you and you—all of you, to sign your name to one of the many petitions in both Grass Valley and Nevada City. Do it today. We already have three to four thousand signers. We want 10,000. Placer county is far ahead of this county in support. This is something we should be ashamed of. **Scoop Thurman is behind this project with both Colfax Record and Placer Herald.**

CAR RUNS OFF ROAD, WOMAN BREAKS ARM

GRASS VALLEY: Mrs. Mollie Sanchel of this city suffered a broken right arm and wrecked her automobile when it ran off highway 49 at 1 p. m. Thursday.

Golden Wedding



MR. AND MRS. EMIL J. N. OTT

NEVADA CITY: Mr. and Mrs. Ott celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a week ago Sunday, October 5th, with the complete party, except for the organist, who participated in the original ceremony on October 5, 1897. The Otts are hale and hearty, and Emil Ott still operates the assay business on Main Street, where his father examined and reduced the "blue-black" gold and silver ore that started the famous Comstock Lode gold rush.

MUSEUM GETS ANTIQUE AUTO

NEVADA CITY: Mrs. Alvena Crump of Oakland is presenting the Nevada County Historical Society Museum with the first automobile made in Grass Valley.

It was manufactured about 1900, by Mrs. Crump's father on Race street. Judge George L. Jones was the first passenger.

The museum will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Sunday, October 19th.

WALTER ENGELL IN HEAD-ON AUTO SMASHUP

NEVADA CITY: An automobile driven by Walter Engell, local real estate man, and one driven by James William Bryant of Grass Valley, collided head-on at Town Talk at 11:30 a. m. Saturday. Engell had as passengers in his automobile his young sons, Theodore and Jerry.

The three Engells, and Bryant and his three passengers, were all slightly injured by sprains, bruises and contusions.

California Highway Patrol, Hills Flat station, reported that Bryant would be charged with reckless driving.

Serious damage occurred to Engell's 1940 Buick sedan.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY FOR FRANCIS JOHNSON

NEVADA CITY: Funeral services were held yesterday at 2 p. m. at Hooper-Weaver Mortuary for Francis Marion Johnson, 38, who died at 12:15 a. m., October 10, at his home in Glebnrook. Rev. Donald A. Ghetty of the Methodist church officiated.

Johnson had lived 24 years in Nevada county. He was a native of Douglas, Arizona.

The deceased leaves a wife, Mrs. Eva Johnson of Grass Valley; a mother, Mrs. Etta Sutton, Grass Valley; father, J. M. Johnson, Smartsville; sister, Mrs. Walter Huson, Grass Valley; a sister, Mrs. Florence Eurell of Grass Valley; Lloyd C. Johnson, a brother, of Georgia; Mrs. Dora Smith, a sister, of Sanger; Robert Lewis Johnson, a brother, of Culver City, California.

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JUST WONDERIN'

I Wonder why we overlook
The treasures close at hand,
And seek for thrilling sights and sounds
Afar in distant lands;
Why do we slight the little flower
That nestles at our feet,
While longing for the curious flower
Upon an Alpine steep.

Human nature being what it is, I presume that it is only natural for us to long for the unobtainable; and often quite ignoring the beauty and wonder which lie about us, seek for thrills in regions distant from our own.

All eyes will be upon California in the days and months that lie immediately ahead and we, who are so fortunate as to live in the golden state should evaluate her charms anew and tell her story faithfully and truthfully to those who become interested in her centennial celebrations.

California has a unique history of her own and we should guard it well. Wouldn't it be a good idea to reread John MacGroarty's beautifully written History of California. Just at this time, it would furnish us with data to be passed on to those of our visitors who will be asking "where and when."

Why not walk with Bret Harte once again and renew our acquaintance with Yuba Bill, Miggles, The Luck of Roaring Camp, M'liss and The Outcasts of Poker Flat. Then, there are the incomparable tales of Mark Twain, Roughing It, for instance and the notorious Jumping Frog together with many others equally entertaining. The poems of Joaquin Miller should not be neglected, Crossing the Plains is exceptionally good reading just now, also there are delightful poems by Ina Coolbrith and oh, let us not forget Bret Harte's Heathen Chinese and the tender love poems which tell of Truthful James and the Lily of Poverty Flat.

Wouldn't all this make fine winter reading and wouldn't the hours spent with our own poets, historians and story tellers relieve the strain imposed upon us by the confused and troubled contemplatoin of our affairs and domestic problems. You know it would.

I Wonder why the Russian delegates to the U. N. go about all the time with their heads in a red smog. There should be some way of getting them out under clear skies. Attendance at the World Series might have turned the trick, for there the delegates would have seen democracy in action and international cooperation functioning; why, those two ball teams were made up by boys descended from almost every nation on earth. Irish, Italian, Russian, French, Jewish, English, American and Negro; but there they were displaying a splendid spirit of sportsmanship and playing ball, one for all and all for one. Too bad the smog blinded Russians could not attend those ball games. —Adeline Merriam Conner.

BAD CHECKS PUT MAN IN JAIL

GRASS VALLEY: C. B. Head is held in the city jail on a charge of writing fictitious checks, on complaint of the Phoenix Drug Store. City police revealed that their investigation showed a number of checks outstanding. Head was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Charles Morehouse Friday. Morehouse delayed sentence, because the accused man promised to make the checks good.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4755

In the Matter of the Estate of RUTH JANE GRAVES, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, Philip Dignan, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Ruth Jane Graves, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executor at the office of W. E. Wright, Union Building, Nevada City, California, the same being his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Ruth Jane Graves, deceased.

Dated September, 1947.

PHILIP DIGNAN,
Executor of the Estate of Ruth Jane Graves, Deceased.

First publication October 10.
Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET TONIGHT

NEVADA CITY: The Chamber of Commerce, at its regular meeting at the City Hall at 8 p. m. tonight, will discuss the formation of a tri-city organization for promotion purposes. Preliminary plans for the Fourth of July celebration will be discussed.

Charles Lutz of Stockton is visiting his sister, Mrs. Annie Browning of Boulder Street. He will be in Nevada City for 10 days.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4778

In the Matter of the Estate of Emily Marsh, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, BESSIE M. MacBRIDE as Executrix of the Estate of Emily Marsh, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executrix at the office of H. Ward Sheldon, Union Building, Nevada City, California, the same being her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Emily Marsh, Deceased.

Dated: 1947.

BESSIE M. MacBRIDE,
Executrix of the Estate of Emily Marsh, Deceased.

First publication: Sept. 23, 1947.
Sept. 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21

Mrs. Edward H. Gibbons has returned to her home in Los Angeles after a two months' visit with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Celio of Gethsemane street.

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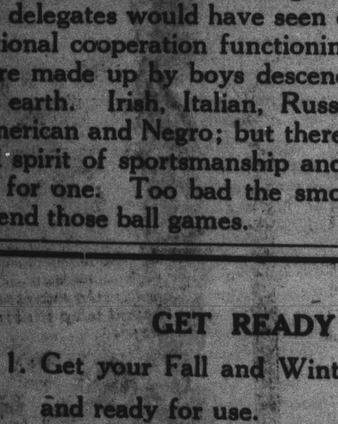

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Respectfully,

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CONCERT CANCELLED

(BULLETIN) GRASS VALLEY: There will be no concert Wednesday night. Mrs. Juliet Cox, chairman of the Twin Cities Concert Association, received a telephone message at 8:30 p. m. last night from the hospital in Grant's Pass, Oregon, reporting that Igor Gorin, noted baritone pictured above, was seriously ill there, and was cancelling his Grant's Pass and Grass Valley conrerts. No date has been set, as the postponement is indefinite.

NEW N.I.D. MGR. BEGINS OCT. 15

GRASS VALLEY: The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District have announced that the new manager, Forrest Varney, will take over the duties of retiring manager, William Durbrow, on October 15. Durbrow will remain in an advisory capacity until the end of the year.

L. O. Wisley of an Oakland auditing firm, which has audited the district's books for 18 years, made suggestions about improvement in account procedure; these were informally accepted.

Lynne Kelly, the organization's attorney for a number of year, submitted his resignation, which was accepted. P. G. Manisian of Oroville, specialist in irrigation law, was employed in his place.

Will Build Reservoirs

The Nevada Irrigation District, the directors' meeting October 10, planned two reservoirs to be built to serve t Bonivert-Berryman ranch area a the Stennett Hill section near Mem rial Park.

The action was taken at the r quest of local real estate operat John J. Looser, developer of t Looser Tract on Stennett hill.

The reservoirs will be built in t spring.

In response to a request of t Cedar Ridge-Peardale Improveme District for increased water allotmer Manager William Durbrow repli that the system was at present tax to capacity. He suggested the in provement district be enlarged, a that it prepare to meet the expense a larger reservoir.

As many as 50,000,000 passenge a year passed through San Francis co's ferry building prior to constru tion of the San Francisco-Oaklar Bay bridge.

Approximately 135,183 persons vi ited Kings Canyon National Park dur ing the fiscal year 1945-6, accordin to the director of the National Par Service.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4777

In the Matter of the Estate of CHESTER E. WHITE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, Melvin H. White, as Administrator of the estate of Chester E. White, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with th necessary vouchers within six month after the first publication of this no tice to the said Administrator at th Law Office of H. Ward Sheldon W. E. Wright Union Building, Neva da City, California, the same bein his place of business in all matter connected with the estate of sai Chester E. White, Deceased.

Dated Sept. 24, 1947.

MELVIN H. WHITE,
Administrator of Estate of
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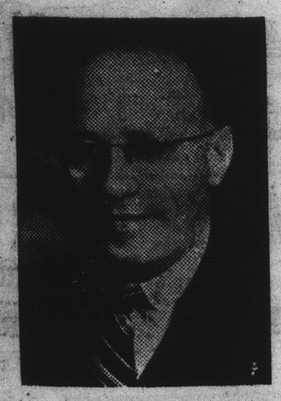

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OCTOBER 26, 1851.—The rain has settled the dust and washed off the trees so that they are bright and clean. Sitting in the cabin door and looking out in the woods, one can't help noticing the different shades of green. It is not like our October woods back home, a blaze of color; but all the hues from the almost black of the firs to the almost yellow of the alder and every intermediate shade. It certainly is restful to the eye. The days are perfect and so are the nights, only it grows chill at sunset and I pile up the logs in the big fireplace and enjoy the warmth until bedtime. The mornings are frosty and cold, but the sun soon warms it up. The sunsets at this time of the year are grand, especially on clear days. Just as the sun goes down the whole western sky is a vivid crimson red, and seen through the pine trees it looks as if the world was on fire. Pard went to Frisco early in the week to be gone a fortnight, and I am laying off and having a lazy time until he comes back. We bought a lot of books along during the summer and some pretty solid ones, among them a set of "Chambers' Encyclopedia of English Literature" and a few novels. I have not read very much as I was generally too tired after supper to do anything but sleep, but since Pard went away I started in on the "Three Guardsmen," written by a Frenchman by the name of Dumas. I never realized before how much pleasure there was to be had in reading. There are seven volumes, and I have read them by the firelight until I could not hold my eyes open any longer, and tackled them again after breakfast, lying on my back under the old pine tree, so interested that I forgot when dinner time came around. There are four heroes: Athos, Porthos, Aramis and D'Artagnan, and they surely had most surprising adventures. I like D'Artagnan best, although Porthos is a great fellow. It's wonderful how in reading so interesting a romance one forgets everything around him and lives in another world.

Have ridden over on Brush Creek a couple of times visiting my old acquaintances. They were all busy, and it was pleasant to sit on the bank and watch them work. They are curious about the results of our river mining. It has got round that we took out a hundred thousand dollars and I did not say yes or no, as some of the partners might not want the facts given. Selby Flat is getting to be quite a place. There are at least a couple of dozen women living there. The wives of some of the wildest boys on the creek have come out to join their husbands, and it has sobered them down considerably. Jim Peters was drowned last week. He was a hard worker, but would go on a big spree occasionally. He got full on the Flat at one of the saloons and started for his cabin after dark. He must have stumbled and fallen while crossing the creek for they found him face downward, dead, in less than a foot of water.

Rode over to the river yesterday. The water has gone down and there is no trace of our work left, except the brush shelters on the bank. I hear that the two companies below us did as well, if not better, than us. I have changed my ideas a good deal about this country. I thought a year ago that by this time there would not be any gold left and that the foothills and mountins would be as deserted as they were when we first came. But it isn't so. More and bigger deposits are found every day and there seems to be no end to it. If it keeps on, gold won't be worth much more than lead.

NOVEMBER 2, 1951.—Pard got back yesterday. I did not know him when he struck the cabin. He had shaved his beard all off, except his mustache, and was dressed up in a "biled shirt"—the first I ever saw him wear—and a suit of black broadcloth, but he soon shed his good clothes and got into woolen shirt and overalls. Jack was as badly fooled as I was and started to eat Pard up until he got a smell of him, and then the old dog went crazy. Pard tells me that he has invested eight thousand dollars more, of which three thousand dollars is for me, if I want it, and that he was offered eighteen thousand dollars clear profit on our first investment, but did not take it as he was satisfied that by next spring he could sell out for from forty to fifty thousand dollars more than we put in. If this is so, I am worth fifteen thousand dollars. We have been planning what we will do this winter, but have not come to any conclusion yet. Pard thinks we had better try the gulch above the ditch and see if the rich streak runs into the hill. It paid up as far as the ditch, but the bank is thirty feet deep and we will have to prospect it by drifting. He has fully made up his mind to go to the Bay to live next spring, and if he leaves I do not think I will stay here. Our neighbor, Platt, who lives in the cabin below us on the creek, has been experimenting this summer with a garden. He enclosed and spaded up about a hundred feet square and planted beans, peas, corn, tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes and melons, and all but the melons turned out fine. He sent us up some string beans and tomatoes some time ago and yesterday, in honor of Pard's return, he brought over a dozen ears of corn, a peck of potatoes and a lot of lettuce. We had a grand feast. It was the first mess of green vegetables we have had on the creek, although there has been some for sale in town. Platt talks about putting in an acre or more next spring, as he believes he can make a lot of money raising garden truck. We can also get a quart of fresh milk occasionally. Scott has taken up a little ranch on the head of the creek and has four cows. He charges a dollar a quart, but it is worth it. I also got a couple of pounds of fresh butter of him last week. It did not taste like the stinking, strong firkin butter brought out from the states. Grub of all kinds is getting to be pretty reasonable. The storekeepers in town are stocking up for the winter. I counted nine twelve-mule teams unloading yesterday on Main Street. These teams are a sight, from six to eight span of big mules hauling three wagons. They load eight and ten tons, charge forty dollars a ton, and make the round trip from Sacramento to Nevada and return in about a week. The mules are mostly from Kentucky, and I am told that some of the outfits are valued at ten thousand dollars.

Barker was over to see us today and told us of a big poker game that has been running at Coyoteville this week. There were four partners in one of the richest claims on the hill and they got to gambling together. They started in playing five dollars ante and passing the buck. Then they raised it to twenty-five dollars ante each, and Jack Breedlove, one of the partners. cleaned out the rest of them, winning twenty-two thousand dollars. Not satisfied with this they staked their interests in the claim, valuing a fourth at ten thousand dollars, and, when the game quit, Zeke Roubier, another of the partners, won back eight thousand dollars and held to his fourth interest. The other two went broke and Breedlove ended by owning three-fourths of the clim and winning fourteen thousand dollars in gold, so that altogether he was thirty-four thousand dollars ahead. He offered his old partners work in the mine at an ounce a day, which they refused, packed their blankets and started out in search of new diggings. They surely were a couple of fools and, as it was a square game, they can only blame themselves. The gamblers over in Nevada City play for high stakes, but this miners' game is said to be the biggest one that has been played anywhere around this section.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Curnow left Sunday morning for a vacation which will include a visit in Riverside with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Winder, and a tour of the southwest including Boulder Dam.

PERSONAL

Ross Taylor of Downieville, noted Sierra county mining man, was a visitor in Nevada City Saturday. Taylor reports hot interest in Sierra county in the Senatorial campaign.

ALBEE TO LECTURE

GRASS VALLEY: William Albee, local engineer and photographer whose work appears in the National Geographic magazine will address the combined student bodies of the high school and Hennessy Grammar School Thursday afternoon at 2:45 p. m. He will illustrate his lecture with color films.

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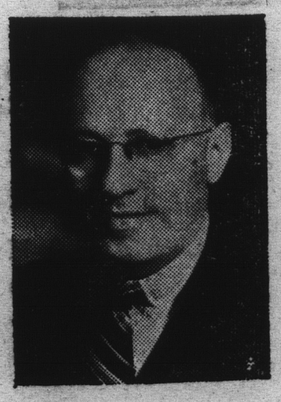
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